

## **GREEN JOBS TRAINING INTIATIVE**

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Through the Walmart Foundation Green Jobs Training Initiative, the Conservation Corps of Long Beach will hire 20 local at-risk youth and two supervisors in the fall of 2009.

Long Beach residents who are at-risk 18-25 year olds will develop skills and gain employment in green and eco-friendly industries. The Green Jobs Career Pathway will be in the areas of weatherization, drought-resistant landscaping, solar panel cleaning and maintenance, energy audits and "door side" recycling services to residents of multifamily complexes.

CCLB is partnering with the City of Long Beach and the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network. Through community outreach, the City will make homeowners, landlords, and property managers aware of the program's services. The Workforce Investment Network's employment specialists will connect the graduates to regional green job opportunities.

The Walmart Foundation presented a \$550,000 grant from its Green Jobs Training Initiative to the Conservation Corps of Long Beach (CCLB). The grant, presented in collaboration with the U.S. Conference of Mayors, will support local job training and youth employment experience in conservation projects.

